

U. S. OFFERS PACT OF COMMERCE AND AMITY TO MEXICO

Fundamental Provision Is Protection of Citizens' Rights Against Confiscation.

ISSUE VITAL BECAUSE OF MEXICAN CONSTITUTION

Would Guarantee All Titles Acquired Lawfully by Americans Prior to 1917.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS

Washington Withholds Reply of President Oregon to State Department's Note.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The American government has proposed a treaty of amity and commerce with Mexico, it was announced today at the State Department, in which Mexico will agree to safeguard the rights of property in that country held by American citizens, which attached before the Constitution of 1917 was promulgated. The signing of the treaty automatically would accomplish American recognition of the Mexican government.

Final announcement of the administration's policy toward the Southern republic was made after the subject had been discussed at the regular Cabinet meeting. President Harding and his advisers had before them a communication from President Oregon relating to the proposed treaty, which was presented to the Mexican President by George T. Sumnerlin, the American charge at Mexico City, on May 27.

Oregon's Reply Is Withheld.

The text of Oregon's reply has been withheld, and administration leaders decline to discuss it or to make any comment as to the relation to it of the announcement of today made public by Secretary Hughes. It is understood, however, that Oregon referred to the negotiations which are proceeding with Mr. Sumnerlin, and indicated a willingness to carry them forward.

It is known that he has summoned to the capital Ministers Valles and de la Huerta, who are reported to have counseled against the signing of such a treaty at a Mexican-Cabinet conference held after it had become known in Mexico City that a treaty of this character would be proposed by the United States.

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GUNBOATS RUSH TO Ichang to Quell Chinese Mutiny

(By United Press.) HANKOW, CHINA, June 7.—American, British and Japanese gunboats are rushing to Ichang, 160 miles northwest of Hankow, where the Chinese garrison is reported to have mutinied, looting all the Chinese shops and many others as well and burning a large part of the Chinese business quarter.

Casualties are reported to exceed those of the rebellion in the same place six months ago, when 500 were killed. The troops had been reported to have become enraged at the attempts of the government to stamp out the opium-smuggling industry. The rebels will reach 12,000 in property stolen, smashed and burned.

BLAIR FINDS LIQUOR LAW GREAT BURDEN

New Commissioner Anxious for Transfer of Enforcement to Justice Department.

CLOGS BUREAU'S WORK

Revenue Chief Declares Training Bootleggers Takes Two-thirds of Staff's Time.

By Ralph H. Turner,
United News Staff Correspondent.

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Takes Large Part of Time.

Blair, it is learned, has discovered that this business of making America dry has reached the point where it consumes one-third of the time and efforts of the Internal Revenue Bureau. That bureau, in Blair's opinion, was created for the purpose of collecting taxes. Tax collection, he holds, is a function of sufficient weight to require the undivided attention of the bureau.

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Safeguards Property Rights.

The department's statement said that the fundamental question confronting the American government in considering its relations with Mexico is the safeguarding of property rights against confiscation. It was emphasized that this question should not be confused with any matter of personalities or of the recognition of any particular administration, and the declaration was made that whenever Mexico was ready to give assurance that she would protect the fundamental rights of citizens, the recognition of the rights of property would be guaranteed.

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By Associated Press.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 7.—Sterling Lindsey, aged 21, is dead, and Sid Lindsey, his father and Clarence Lindsey, a brother, are now in the county jail at Bessemer, under charge of illicit distilling as the result of a raid made upon a district, ten miles south of Bessemer, by county officers about noon today.

According to Chief Deputy W. T. Kemp, in charge of the sheriff's office at Bessemer, Sterling Lindsey was shot when he tried to draw a gun to resist being arrested. It is also alleged by the officers that the father and Clarence Lindsey also drew their guns, but were knocked from their hands by the officers before they had prepared for shipment to their homes.

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By Associated Press.

MACON, GA., June 7.—Dr. J. E. Gamble, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and formerly president of the Mercer University, is reported to be at the point of death, according to messages from Dallas, Texas, to relatives here.

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HUNGARY PEACE TREATY RATIFIED.

PARIS, June 7.—The peace treaty with Hungary, which was signed with the Triple Entente at Versailles and is known as the "Treaty of Trianon," was ratified today by the Chamber of Deputies. The vote on ratification was 478 in favor to 74

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FRANCE MAKES A MOVE TO ENCOURAGE MARRIAGE BY PUTTING END TO "RED TAPE"

New Measure Removes Necessity of Parental Consent After Age of 21—French Women, at Present, Cannot Legally Marry Until 30 Years Old.

By Hudson Hawley,
United News Staff Correspondent.

PARIS, June 7.—Young men and women of France will be able to marry with as much freedom and absence of "red tape" as those of America, if a bill just introduced in the Chamber becomes a law.

The measure removes the necessity of parental consent after the age of 21. Such a departure strikes at the very vitals of French customs, which make the parents the arbiters of the daughter's matrimonial fate.

At present a French woman cannot marry until after she is 30 years old without the consent of her parents. Gaining this consent can only be avoided by sending formal legal notice to the parents fifteen days before the contemplated wedding. And even then the parents are permitted to bring action against the husband, a consequence eloquently argued throughout France.

The truck just had crossed a bridge and was rounding a curve at high speed when it met the trolley car.

Two other regulations were that no person who has indulged in liquor is to be allowed on the floor.

2 LANGLEY FIELD FLYERS KILLED AS PLANE HITS TREE

Three Bombs Carried on Machine Explode, Killing Cadets Thompson and Bowen.

CRAFT BLOWN TO PIECES AFTER BECOMING IGNITED

Colonel William H. Hensley, Commandant, Immediately Orders Investigation.

By Associated Press.

HAMPTON, VA., June 7.—Flying cadets Noel R. Thompson and C. A. Bowen were killed instantly at Langley Field this afternoon when a De Havilland G.B. plane in which they were making a bombing flight struck a tree top and became ignited. Three of four bombs being carried in the machine were detonated and blew the machine to bits, burning and terribly maiming the bodies of the two aviators.

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